

TODAY'S FOOTBALL

# PORT TROUNCED TORRENS TO LEAD LEAGUE LIST

PORT trounced Torrens by more than 11 goals at Alberton Oval in the surprise of today's league football. Torrens did not kick a goal before half-time.

Norwood scored from North at Prospect after a hard game and are now level with Port at the top of the premiership list, with the magpies leading on percentage. West regained a place in the top four by defeating South, and Sturt beat Glenelg.

## 30,032 at Games

Attendances at today's league football matches totalled 32,032—about the same as at the fifth series of games last year.

## Premiership Table

	P.	W.	L.	For.	Agst.	Pts.	Prem.
Port	5	4	1	464	412	8	
Norwood	5	4	1	402	456	8	
West	5	3	2	321	434	6	
Torrens	5	3	2	494	457	6	
North	5	2	3	453	393	4	
Sturt	5	2	3	494	451	4	
South	5	2	3	492	511	4	
Glenelg	5	—	5	382	568	—	

## Leading Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Pryor (South)	4	22
A. R. McLean (Port)	7	21
Lehmann (North)	3	20
Pynor (Sturt)	3	18
W. Hank (Torrens)	—	16
Williams (Norwood)	—	15
Langley (Sturt)	4	14

## Next Week's Games

### LEAGUE

South v. Norwood, Adelaide Oval.  
Torrens v. West, Thebarton Oval.  
Sturt v. North, Uley Oval.  
Port v. Glenelg, Kensington Oval.

### ASSOCIATION

Port v. Glenelg, Alberton Oval.  
Norwood v. West, Norwood Oval.  
North v. Sturt, Prospect Oval.  
South v. Torrens, Hawthorn Oval.

# WEST NOT UPSET BY WET BALL

By Colin Hay

SUPERIOR in the air, faster to the ball, and with Gar Burkett controlling the game from centre, West outclassed South at Norwood today to win by 67 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	3.2	10.8	14.13	17.17	119
South	2.3	4.4	4.8	7.10	52

Whereas West settled down and adapted their play to the wet conditions, South were never happy with the slippery ball. West played like a team inspired, and were not afraid to use handball when pressed.

Burkett was at his top at centre and from the opening bounce exerted a strong influence. His scouting work with Williams and Coad, West rovers, completely nullified the good work by the tall South rucks, Pryor and Veitch.

Goalkickers—West: Williams (5), Cannon (4), Coad, Agars, Slattery (2), Hill, Lea, South: Pryor (4), Veitch, Edgword, Broderick.

Best Players—West: Burkett, Smith, Williams, Coad, Slattery, Paehe, Cannon, South: Pryor, Hamilton, Hickinbotham, McAvaney, Haines, Veitch, Edgword.

# What Captains Had to Say

**BOB Quinn (Port)**—Our back-lines won the game for us by breaking up all Torrens attacks, and our boys fought on better than in other games.

**Bob Hank (Torrens)**—They were just too good for us, although, with such a breeze blowing, we got off to a bad start by losing the toss.

**Jack Oatey (Norwood)**—Our steadiness and even balance at vital stages were the main factors in our win. North are a greatly improved side.

**Alan Burton (North)**—Norwood were too good for us on the day, but I was pleased at the way our fellows fought back.

**Johnny Taylor (West)**—The all-round play of the team was superior to South and we adapted ourselves better to the conditions.

**Laurie Cahill (South)**—Being a smaller team, West adapted themselves better to the wet conditions. Their play-on and handball were pretty to watch.

**Gil Langley (Sturt)**—Our fellows played together better than Glenelg. The rucks, led by Schober, were the outstanding department. Use of Black as extra rover, also helped to maintain pace. At half-back our trio covered the opposition well.

**Reg Masters (Glenelg)**—Sturt's combined play was superior and they adapted themselves to the conditions, whereas we made heavy weather of them.



GLENELG have unearthed a possible future champion in Millard, their centreman. He has shown consistently good form against prominent men, and played a great game against Sturt today.

SPECTATORS at Prospect Oval paid a tribute to Norwood and North by the way in which they stood through the rain to watch the game. Hardly any of the crowd moved.

# Reversal of Form

By Lawrie Jervis, Jun.

PORT gave Torrens supporters at no stage a ray of hope for victory. The magpies were better in the air, and on the ground, and disposed of the ball more intelligently. Their form today in comparison with last week was as black is to white.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	7—4	12—4	14—11	16—11	107
Torrens	0—1	0—3	1—5	5—7	37

It is rarely that a team establishes such supremacy over another in the first half. Quinn and McLean goaled for the magpies before either side had really settled down, and then for 10 minutes the teams fought it out between their back lines.

In ruck, the magpies were infinitely superior. Kretschmer, on a wing, was their best player early, beating Edwards pointless. It was not until late in the term

that Port swung into system, and then they piled on goals. Torrens were outclassed everywhere, and handballed where Port kicked full distance.

Goalkickers—Port: A. R. McLean (7), Gates (4), Quinn (2), Jolly, Hull, Mann, Schumann. Torrens: Parsons, Pyatt, Prior, Hutchinson, Smith.

Best Players—Port: Kretschmer, McParlane, Quinn, McLean, Gates, Marrett, Schumann. Torrens: Edwards, R. W. Hank, Kinter, Mehaffey, Oates, Pyatt, Hutchinson.

# STURT SYSTEM TOO SOUND FOR GLENELG

By Amos Bottroff

BRILLIANT combined play by the Sturt rucks and their fast, systematic attack, gave them a win by 44 points over Glenelg at Adelaide Oval today.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt	5—3	10—7	13—13	15—16	106
Glenelg	2—1	6—3	7—5	9—8	62

Sturt took almost complete charge of play from the bounce, and had four goals up in quick time. They adapted themselves better to the wet conditions.

Schober did much good work in the ruck, and Pynor was prominent in the early stages.

Rugby tackles were used in the second term when players closed in on the ball on every possible occasion.

Glenelg proved more successful, Millard driving forward with good, long kicks, and Crabbe and Churchett handling the ball with more certainty. Goals from Smith and Millard took them to within 10 points of Sturt.

## Langley in Form

Then Langley was responsible for four goals in a row, three from his own boot. Hunt defended well, so did Robjett further out, but L. G. Giles, Langley and Merchant formed too strong an attacking division.

Glenelg battled gamely, with occasional brilliant individual efforts, but Sturt had

settled down to a combined effort superior to anything the Bays could produce.

The teams fought an even last quarter but Sturt had won the game at half-time, and coasted on to hold the Bay in check.

Goalkickers—Sturt: Langley (4), G. Giles, Pynor (3), Schober, Merchant (2), N. Giles, Glenelg: Betson, White (each 2), Crabb, Churchett, Millard, Smith, Harry.

Best Players—Sturt: Langley, Schober, L. G. Giles, Merchant, Ingham, Bartlett, Glenelg: Millard, Hunt, Lowe, Robjett, Churchett, Betson, Haussen.

Sturt.—Backs: Sanders, Ingham, Gibson. Half-backs: Crawley, Tilley, Headon. Centres: Thomas, Bartlett, Trezise. Half-forwards: Lowe, Cave, Black. Forwards: Merchant, Pynor, L. Giles. Ruck: Schober, P. N. Giles, Langley. Reserves: Hardy, Gratton.

Glenelg.—Backs: Woollard, Hunt, Low. Half-backs: Robjett, Chambers, Masters. Centres: Trenorden, Millard, Churchett. Half-forwards: Cock, Crabb, Churchett. Forwards: White, Smith, Donaldson, Ruck: Betson, Link, Haussen. Reserves: Harry, Whittaker.

Umpire: J. M. Schmelzkopf. Estimated attendance: 7,000.

# Loose Man Tactics Halted North Run

By Roy Colmer

JACK Oatey, Norwood captain, played the main part in the win by the redlegs over North at Prospect Oval today. I cannot recall seeing any league player exploit the loose man as effectively as he did in the second and third quarters.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood	1—0	5—3	6—4	11—9	75
North	4—5	5—9	6—9	9—11	65

Oatey had the backing of a side which retained its poise under extreme pressure at times. It was this stability that proved too much for a greatly improved North side at the finish.

North opened as though they were going to carry everything before them. First use of the wind was not worth quite as much as North obtained from it. Rather their superiority in the first quarter was due to their pace and a marked advantage at centre.

Norwood struck trouble in the packs, too. Because of this, and in an attempt to crowd the game to bring North's pace back to his side, Oatey ran two rovers very early in the first term. These tactics were not successful immediately, but they had an effect on the game later.

## Effective Defence

It was not until half-way through the second quarter that it appeared

Norwood would gain the upper hand. Then their centre line jumped into the picture, gained a grip of their positions and never let up to the end.

Until half-time North used spoiling tactics most effectively in defence. Loss of Priest in the second quarter was a much harder blow to North than many people realised. When the pocket man had to leave the field, North found themselves without a player backing up Kennedy, and too much weight fell on the shoulders of the full back.

Oatey began his damaging run as the loose man in the second quarter. Oids took control of his wing, Blackmore forced a checkmate at centre, and Gallagher was always going a shade the better on his flank.

If any one man has to be given credit for Norwood's win, Oatey should be the man. He handled the ball so much in the third quarter that North could have been excused for thinking the Norwood skipper had two or three doubles on the field.

Goalkickers—Norwood: Bell (3), Dansie, Dalwood, Farrow (each 2), Oatey, Day, North: Lehmann, Beeching, Pedler (each 2), Priest, Coulla, Arbon.

Best Players—Norwood: Oatey, Giles, Oids, Gallagher, Holmesby, Way, Warhurst, North: O'Leary, Crouch, Burton, Cox, Thomas, Kennedy, Arbon.